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That burning question, "When does Lent end?" has been superseded by another, "How much did the necklace

The Mississippi river has evidently been discovered again. St. Louis is preparing to start a steel barge line tween that city and New Orleans at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Another fatal automobile accident has occurred in Kansas City, Mo. One will happen in Topeka as sure as fate unless a little more care is used by the owners of some of the cars.

A poor excuse is probably better than none. So the men of New Jersey are reported to be staying away from women are wearing Merry Widow hats. It is to laugh.

Fred S. Jackson, the state's attorney general, is satisfied that a lumber trust xists in the state. Its scope, however, seems to be confined to the northspeaks well for the lumber dealers in across the border into Canada.

Vic Murdock appears to be the only who has the courage of his convictions. He voted with the Democrats against adoption of some additional gag rules which give Mr. Connon even more power than he has had, and he had more than a plenty.

Chicago has a fox terrier pup that understands three languages. French. in them, although it would not be sur-

Castro in whatever way the occasion may demand. It will not take many whacks nor will the stick have to be a big one to make the little dictator realize that he will have to behave him-

They're surely great on seeing things dispensation of Providence." what's the use of speculating.

Now is the time to drag the country roads and every man along them should bites. lend his hand to put them in as good a condition as possible. In helping to bonic plague germs, and the germs inhimself. Tthe township trustees should rat merely carries the flea. The mosalso extend such financial aid as they quito does not "enjoy" either yellow can for the betterment of the roads.

There does not seem to be any mor of a business depression in the great natural if not altogether blameless ef-Northwest than there is in this sec- fort to suck our blood. It is really the tion of the country. The Northern Pa- misfortunes of the rats and the mosmediately for additional freight cars. not any malice on their part. Hard times don't enjoy a long tenure of life in localities where bumper crops against vermin for the future. Down will not down.

Turkey with business in their eyes it we shall get rid of them. Here's bad is likely that the sultan will settle health to vermin! such claims as Italians have against royal fez is a cantankerous bluffer but German savant has developed a conserious might happen to him or his

Congress will probably take favorought not to be much trouble in get- our point of view. The rats, of course a chance of taking.

No one will dare say a word now rainst the Merry Widow hats. Some of them worn by the women worshippers in the front pews of St. John's dral at St. Louis shut off the view inevitable, and accept the benefit of of the altar from the rest of the conregation and prevented its members candle igniting some paper flowers. from hummer to buzzer, and wipe out mu Thoreby what might have been a fire the race. It will bring the blessing of all. ouls newspapers write up the incident

Kansas is behind the times in one for at either of the big conven-But walt until there is a na-

tional primary law on the statute books. Kansas will then furnish any quantity of candidates for the presidential nominations for no man will ate for the children-or any of the rest need any backing then but his own of us. Because typhoid germs are energies and there are doubtless many men in the state right now who feel that they could discharge the duties of president in most excellent fashion.

INTERCHANGING CITIZENS.

eternal feud with flies. We are making progress. We know "Many farmers are crossing the line what to fight. And we have "ratin" for the rats. When we get "mos-quitoin" and "flyin" we shall be going

of the United States into the western provinces of Canada," says the Chicago Tribune. "The movement has attracted widespread attention. It has been encouraged by systematic work of publicity and promotion. The boomer, has used all sorts of advertising devices to emphasize the advantages of the new country. That his services have been effective is undoubted. If Canadian figures are reliable several hundred thousand people have moved from the United States to these provinces since 1900.

"There is a steady movement of pop ulation in the other direction also. New England is filling up with immigrants from Canada. They are crowding the mill towns and are also octupying the farms once owned by the descendants of Pilgrim and Puritan. The old towns show the loss of names once common and the presence of families of entirely different origin. These Canadian-French settlers are changing rural conditions in New England completely. The fact of their steady increase is as apparent and, in a way, as striking as is that of the other migration in the northwest.

"There is another movement from Canada of men of business instincts rather than of agricultural or industrial tendencies. How great the volume of this steady flow is uncertain. But it is a matter of common observation that many Canadian clerks are at work in the United States. Only a casual glance is needed to show that a good proportion of these follow up their migration to the south by seeking American citizenship.

"The outflow of population is more spectacular than the inflow. It causes alarm in the minds of many because it is the same sort of movement that church these days because so many of accomplished so much in the development of the United States. The 'west' in changing localities was largely built up by settlers from the 'east,' this latter term also being a movable one Because of the knowledge of this splendid citizenship which is being lost Americans regret the restless search western section of the state. That for new lands is carrying the pioneers

"It is the regret manifested by Gouverneur Morris when speaking of the eastern opposition to the Louisiana Republican representative in congress purchase. He pictured the exuberant population of the eastern states flow ing in a steady stream into the west ern wilderness. He declared that if that country were neglected or permitted to pass into the hands of a foreign power the fairest nope of posterity would be destroyed.

"The loss of good American stock is to be regretted. But the movement German and English. This should not means progress. It means harmonious be taken to mean that he talks fluently relationships between the northwestern states and the Canadian northwest. It prising to get a story from Chicago means development of a new region by that there was a talking dog in its splendid citizens. It means betterment of conditions by those whose fathers and grandfathers sought the same President Roosevelt will likely be thing by western migration. In this spowered to deal with Venezuela and instance the United States loses as the older states lost before."

ALL THE RLAME ON VERMIN

God, under the name of a "mysteriou It turns out in Jewell county. And the latest out now that disease and pestilence are unusual event to come within the vis- more and more certainly a mere matter ion of the folks there is an aurora of vermin. Rats cause bubonic plague orealls. If it were not for the fact Mosquitoes give us malaria and yellow that the prohibition law is strictly en- fever. Flies cause typhoid by not wipforced in Jewell county, well,-but ing their feet when they come in from their haunts in the germery. sweating sickness and the sleeping sickness of Africa arise from insect

The rats have fleas and the fleas buake the roads good he will be helping fect persons whom the fleas bite. The fever or malaria. He is merely "host" of the bacillus of those diseases, and gives them to us in a sincere and is planning to spend \$1,500,000 im- quitoes through which we suffer, and his tro-

Nevertheless it is war to the death with rats! Death to mosquitoes! murrain upon flies! And it is affecting If eleven of Italy's warships visit them by murrains and distempers that

A great preliminary skirmish has him in short order. The wearer of the been won in the fight with rats. A he usually wilts if there appears to be tagious disease that he gives to rats the slightest chance that anything in their food and which they then take from each other, dying in myriads. When we think of the millions and millions of victims annually of bubonic plague in India, alone, we may rank Congress will probably take favorplague in India, alone, we may rank
A lecture is not the worst thing in
the discoverer of "ratin" with the world, but it's next to a "reading" 6,000 additional men for the navy. There greatest benefactors of the race—from by an elocutionist. ting them for it is likely that the may regard it differently. And so, ent big cruise of the battleship strange to say, will the Hindus. Their feet is but a beginning of other at- religion forbids the killing of rats-or tractive cruises that will follow, cruises other animals. While the plague is that almost anybody would be glad of raging these deluded people will carepotato peelings. fully destroy the poison set by the authorities for rats. They prefer to die of the plague rather than to have rats killed on their account. But when the rat population begins to die of "ratin" the Hindus will doubtless bow to the

our raticidal crimes. Let the reform proceed. Bring or m seeing a fire which started by a your mosquito disease that will pass anic was averted. At least the St. civilization to New Jersey and other places. Its indirect effects will be incalculable. More epidemics for mos-

quitos, please. And fleas! Some scientist must soon oct. She has no "favorite son" to produce the germ of the fly pestilence for at either of the big convengood time. The fly is an incorrigible

JOUDNAL ENTRIES

criminal. He will not wipe his feet,

and his aversion to bathing and clean-

liness makes him a dangerous associa-

The average musical critic is one

that all music seems to irritate.

The girl who says "fudge" to everything may be said to give a sweet

If children desire to be nice company a good rule for them to fol-low is to do nothing they would like

About the only signs of college training that some college graduates show are decided limps they received through athletic sports.

A perfect dialogue is when tw women talk with each other, and the perfect monologue is when a woman carries on a conversation with her

JAYHAWKER JOTS

There are two dailies in Great Bend and there will be a third if M. Dailey succeeds in his ambition to be elected sheriff.

The Anthony Bulletin does not now remember of anything the dandellon is good for except to make poetry and other trouble.

An accident occurred in Neosho county last week in which, the correspondent says, a man had "both limber and an arm broken." In the Garnett hand great effect is

gained by the base drummer, who quits his thumping long enough to whistle an aria in one plece. Miss Mateel Howe, daughter of the Atchison Globe, recently received a cash prize of \$500 for an article de-scriptive of Portland, Ore.

Several Herington people attended the Messiah concert at Lindsborg last Sunday and they allow that it was good but not up to the opera. The Butler county commissioners are going to make a tour of the state to

pick out the kind of a court house they will buy for El Dorado. One day last week was so beautiful that the editor of the Neodesha Register declared it was "good to be alive." From this it might be inferred that there are days when Mr. Wiley has

An Atchison man, the Globe says borrowed a plug horse from a Mis-sourian. "It is good enough to drive around with," remarked the Missourian, "but don't start to go any place

Alex Butts, of the Kansas City Star, who is a Kansas product of whom all newspaper folk are proud, is taking a long vacation, and may journey around the world before he again gets up against the collar.

W. E. Blackburn notes that the Cald-W. E. Blackburn notes that the Caldwell Advance man is both touchy and accommodating. He kicked on a few dead hogs floating around the intake of their water supply, but when a member of the council told him to keep his name out of his paper, he did it and now in the council proceedings "John Doe" appears in place of the irate councilman's name. irate councilman's name.

An odor of iodoform and the glint of white cranial bandages made the whole Once we put the blame on the devil when we were sick. Then we laid it to God, under the name of a "mysterious was struck in the eye by a meat hook next day W. S. Bristol had a small wen like growth cut out of his scalp, and as they are neighbors it looked to the uninformed as if they had "mixed."-Anthony Republican.

A whole bunch of "what-has-A whole bunch of "what-has-becomeof" tracers is sent out by the Mankato
Monitor at once. It asks what has become of the following: The split-bottom chair, the red yarn galluses, the
red yarn string around the toe to cure
ground itch, the woman's reticule, the
bootjack that sat in the corner, the
back log and dog irons, the old crane
that swung to and fro in the fireplace,
the deep well walled with stone and a that swung to and Iro in the Breplace, the deep well walled with stone and a green frog sitting on the butter, the boy with a yoke of steers, the hand rake in the hay field, the dinner horn and the gal that blew it, the side saddle, boots with red tops, the wooden axietree and wide track wagon, the hoopskirts worn by our hest girl, the hoopskirts worn by our best girl, the linbark to tie cornfodder, the candle that had to be snuffed as often as we would spit and the boy who would roll his trousers up to his knees in sum-mer and spit through his teeth?

GLOBE SIGHTS.

[From the Atchison Globe.] Everything a woman wears is tight. No man is agreeable when he is nunting something that is lost. To some men, all the dresses worr

Tell a boy he is a good boy, and he will try to deserve the compilment.

It is much easier to lose a friend than to gain a vote by political arguments.

women are different grades of cali-

Spinach doesn't shrink any more in hot water than hopes shrink after marriage.

When a woman bets, she never puts up any money. And if she loses, she expects you to pay, anyway.

The average strong, healthy boy has such an appetite that his mother has Every woman believes that her soul grades higher than her husband's be-cause she looks at the flowers when sit down to dinner, and he at the meat.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR. [From the New York Press.]

A man who can prove he has brains knows he never has to. It would be very nice to have

much money your family didn't need it The time a woman has scruples about playing cards for money is after she

A good way for men to refrain from drinking too much is not to be able to get it.

FROM OTHER PENS

THE AUTO RACE. harmless to him, he refuses to take any A part of the New York-to-Paris auto race is complete and every American is pleased at the showing precautions in our favor. Produce the fly murrain, O Science, as soon as convenient-and in the meantime we vow

whole country is hoping that it will be able to maintain the lead it has taken. While other cars are running through the southwest portions of the country, the American car is at Seattle, awaiting instructions, before proceeding on its way.

It has been charged that the lead of the American car is due to the assistance rendered it here and the discrimination against the drivers of the other cars. This, however, sounds more like the wall of a poor sportsman who sees he is losing. It is true that the people living along the route did not work up as much enthusiasm over the progress of the foreigners as they did over the American car, but are they not to be praised rather than chided for this?

Of course the American car has had in the advantage of being at home durations.

In that, where'er the peatent pavement led she'd rollerskate, and then she's rollerskate herself around and skate it o'er again.

She rollerskated past the bristling, he and seed me; she rollerskated friends away, she rollerskated me; she rollerskated till her ma has got insanitee.

And I've no doubt that on a day, the marriage contract signed.

She'll rollerskate adown the aisle, her bride's veil pinned behind; And later on, when it's her time to see the pearly gates.

I'll bet she's whisk up to them on a pair of rollerskates.

Of course the American car has had in the advantage of being at home duration.

Of course the American car has had the advantage of being at home dur-ing the progress of the race until this time, not from now on it will be on equal footing with the others. equal footing with the others.

Not a single complaint has been made by people living along the route taken by the racers and instead of getting out with shotguns to stop the devil wagons as the eastern farmers grew to call the gasoline carts, the country people cheered them on their way. All America is interested in the outcome of the race.—Salina Journal.

THE PEOPLE, NOT THE LAWS.

Topeka, Kansas City and Wichita hasten to say that if the Kansas legislature next winter will pass the Des Moines commission law to replace the present defective Kansas city commission law, they will vote to adopt it. As a reform measure the Iowa law goes considerably further than the Kansas law, including among other features the power of recall. But Leavenworth voted to adopt the commission plan, and there is every indication that it is going to be satisfied with the Kansas statute, defective though it may be. The mayor and commissioners have already determined upon a THE PEOPLE, NOT THE LAWS. may be. The mayor and commission-ers have already determined upon a programme that will certainly save the city several thousands of dollars a year, even though the city funds are at low ebb. Many of the faults of the Kansas commission law can be avoided if other Kansas cities will follow the example of Leavenworth and elect men who will give them an honest business administration. If the population of any city can not arouse this degree of

A divorce that is attracting some attention is that of Mrs. George Richards, wife of a lieutenant of the ma-rine corps. She says that he was good to her, and kind, but that they were not "soul mates." She says he is wandering in spiritual darkness, and that by separating from him she can reach a "spiritual unfolding." This new fad is going to make it harder than ever for husbands to be satisfactory. factory. After a man has brought in the water and split the wood, and given a woman all his wages she can still insist he is not her soul mate, and

XANSAS COMMENT

A LABOR PARADOX.

Two singular phenomena of the labor situation have recently appeared in the east. One day last week a paper in New York city contained a letter from a New York farmer stating that while complaints are heard from unemployed labor in the cities the farmers cannot get enough labor to secure the full production of their farms, and the u ployed would not go out there to work. The next day the same paper contained letters from two representatives of or-ganizations for the relief of the unemployed, stating that each had hundreds of men who would be glad of work on farms at the wages named.

This presents a peculiar and paradox-ical condition. The leading facts are beyond dispute. On the one hand are farms half tilled for lack of labor. On the other in the cities are men unem-ployed and alleged to be glad of the chance to work on farms. Yet for some chance to work on farms. Yet for some reason they do not get together. There seems to be something in our methods of late years that concentrates the labor in the cities and leaves the farms deserted, even by a large share of their original inhabitants. What is it?

There is a certain futility in this precise of thousands of many wanting.

spectacle of thousands of men wanting work and a field where the work of thousands of men is needed, and yet the mutual need is not met. It is hard to find a clear explanation of the pe-cultarity. But it does not suggest that the agencies for labor employment have been organized solely to meet the requirements of large industrial em-ployers and entirely ignore the importance of securing a more permanent dis-tribution of labor and employment. It also provokes the thought that if our economic methods were less concentra-tive and permitted the distribution of industries throughout rural sections the laborers might be closer to the farms when industrial reaction forced them to seek a new field .- Pittsburg

ADENOIDS.

The newest slogan of the educators is, "Look out for the adenoids!" Some of the more radical of our pedagogues of the more radical of our pedagogues claim that these growths are account-able for three-fourths of the so-called backwardness in school children, and the first thing that a physician asks when a stunted and undeveloped youngster is brought to him for treat-ment is, "Has the child ever been ex-amined for adenoids?" These growths affect printagily the cavity lying at the amined for adenoids?" These growths affect primarily the cavity lying at the back of the nasal passages, directly above the soft palate, and may make their appearance in early infancy. The region affected is the seat of one of the three tonsils, of which the other two are visible in the lower throat. These organs, together with the appendix, are physiological puzzles, as they are physical superfluities.

sical superfluities.

The result is that the air passages through the nose are shut off, the child resorts to mouth breathing, goes about all the time with mouth half open, which imparts a look of general stupidity, and very frequently really becomes stupid for the reason that nature, in an effort to preserve an air passage through the nose, raises the hard palate higher and higher, thus encroaching upon the brain space and impairing the mentality of the sufferer. Semi-idiocy is often the consequence of neglected treatment, and the general health always unfare. Detail heart.

THE CRAZE.

She rollerskated greatly—'twas the chief of her delights; She rollerskated mornings and she roller-skated nights; She always rollerskated when the sky was fair, you bet, And, too, she rollerskated when the day was damp and wet.

American is pleased at the showing made by the American car. The skated down:
whole country is hoping that it will be able to maintain the lead it has taken.
While others are the showing town,

In a Microbe Factory. Among the most important govern-ment institutions at Washington is a microbe factory. It belongs to the war department and makes a business

war department and makes a business of turning out germs of all kinds of diseases in quantities, breeding them in glass tubes, and feeding them upon specially prepared jelly foods.

The establishment in question, which is under the charge of Dr. William Gray, is one of the principal laboratories of Uncle Sam's health service. Whenever a new and interesting "pathogenic" microbe turns up—such as the long sought germ of the deadly Panama fever, which was discovered recently—it undergoes discovered recently—it undergoes painstaking examination at the facpainstaking examination at the factory. It is bred on scientific principles in a specially constructed incubator, provided with every luxury of diet that its fancy demands, and even furnished with living prey in the shape of monkeys, rabbits, or guinea pigs, in order that it may have a chance to show exactly how it accomplishes its deadly work.

The results obtained are well worth the trouble expended. For when a disease microbe has been satisfactor-

disease microbe has been satisfactor-ily identified and its life history fully ily identified and its life history fully studied means wherewith to fight it are easily found. For one thing, various poisons are tried upon it and the one that seems most deadly is likely to prove, for obvious reasons, the most effective medicine for the malady when given in judicious doses to a person attacked by it.

There is, however, an entirely new

administration. If the popular administration in the personal interest among its taxpayers and put good men in office, it is doubtful if any city commission law, no matter how perfect it may be, will give them a great deal of help. It is the people, after all, and not the laws, which really counts.—Leavenworth Times.

There is, however, an entirely new course which is soon to be applied in our army, not for the treatment but for the prevention of typhoid—that it deadly disease which decimates troops so frightfully in the field. It already has proved successful in Germany. Batches of typhoid germs, armany. Batch many. Batches of typhoid germs, ar-tificially bred on gelatine, are sub-jected to a temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenheit for one hour, therestance is employed thereupon as a "vaccine," being introduced by inoculation into the veins of the soldier. Though the microbes themselves are no more, their poison retains an activity which, when utilized in the manner described, gives immunity against the dreaded malady.

The capacity of the laboratory in Washington is sufficient to turn out,

incidentally to other work, as many billions of typhoid germs as might be required, when thus employed, to vaccinate the entire population of the United States. There are, however, many other diseases which seem to be amenable to treatment by this novel process, the microbe "cultures" novel process, the microbe "cultures" in each case being available, when their vitality has been destroyed by heat, for utilization as a preventive "vaccine."—Chicago Tribune.

Wolves Are Wary Animals

One of the prominent men of the Big Hole section who was in the city expressed the opinion that there were only a few wolves left in that country, but that the few made it mighty in-teresting for the stockmen. He says these wolves are very hard to trap, refuse to take poison, and that the most expert hunter might try for weeks without getting within rifle shot

"There are not more than a dozen wolves in the whole watershed of the Big Hole river," said this gentleman. "And one of the best hunters in this country, Fred Francis, who is familiar with every nook and corner in the valley, is of the opinion there are not more than half a dozen. I am willing to admit, however, the few there are make life a hunden for the stockmen.

hear Chair Bluis have secured several hundred dollars in subscriptions from the ranchmen to pay a bounty of \$25 for each wolf scalp in addition to the bounty of \$10 paid by the state. It is said that not more than twenty wolves have been killed in the basin during

have been killed in the basin during the last six years, but in that time thousands of dollars' worth of stock has been destroyed by these pests.

"So far as known, only one wolf has been poisoned in the Big Hole, and that was thirteen years ago. They are more wary and cunning than a fox, and can smell a trap a mile away; they refuse to take poison, and as their depredations are committed in the early dawn or in the night, it is seldent that one is seen, even by the most dom that one is seen, even by the most astute hunters. So all in all the wolf question is a difficult proposition to deal with."—Anaconda Standard.

A Cannon Anecdote.

Speaker Cannon one evening stood in the receiving line at the Washington residence of Vice President Fairbanks, passing kindly word and grip with friends as they came along. At length his own daughter approached, and, drawing up his spare frame, he grasped her hand in formal fashion and inquired with well assumed disinterestedness: "Your name, please?"

"Lydia Pinkham," replied Miss Cannon, amiably.

non, amiably.

"Well, Lydis, my dear, we are well met," the speaker responded, "for I guess there's just about as much good in your remedies as there is in my presidential boom."—Chicago Evening

In Iceland horses are shod with sheep's horn, while in the Soudan they are shod with camel's skin.

A German not long ago invented a horseshoe of paper, prepared by saturating with oil of turpentine and other ingredients. Thin layers of such paper are glued to the hoof till the requisite thickness is attained. The shoes thus made are said to be durable and impenetrable by moisure.—Lon-

Curious Horse

THE EVENING STORY

Cinderella's Mask

(By Ethel Barrington.) As the sound of sleighbells broke the quiet of the room, Miss Mercer clenched her teeth, to keep back

threatening tears.
"I couldn't stand on that foot for one minute, let alone dance!" she ex-plained to her younger sister's gover-ness, who stood slim and silent before "I am truly sorry," the latter re-

plied; "Jane said you sent for me to help you. What can I do?"
"Take my place in the minuet."
"Oh rowned Leculdri' do that!"

"Oh, no—no, I couldn't do that!"
"You'll have to," groaned Miss
Mercer, with decision. Being fond of
Augusta Park, she treated the young Augusta Park, she treated the young dependent with confidence and consideration beyond her position, but expected, in return, cheerful yielding to her own whims or comfort. "Til write to Aunt Enid, explaining the accident to my ankle, and that you will take my place, so that the dance need not be abandoned. It's fortunate you played for some of the renate you played for some of the re-hearsals, and can wear my gown."
"I really cannot!" Genuine distress rang in the protest. "The dancers are all your friends, I am not in so-

"When I wanted you to play the other night, you made no fuss. Regard it as an act of charity, if it helps you, but go."
"Not to Mrs. Fritzray's—I won't en-

ter her doors—"

The invalid raised herself on her elbow, regarding in astonishment the flushed cheeks of the other girl.
"That sounds as if you held some sort of grudge against aunty, and I

sort of grudge against aunty, and I doubt if you ever met her."

Augusta shook her head. "Don't be a goose, then," Miss Mercer shifted her cushions with a little moue of pain. "Bring that low chair and let me talk to you. Now listen," she coaxed when her directions were obeyed, "it would be wickedly selfish not to save the situation. Aunty's masked ball has been looked forward to as one of the events of the seato as one of the events of the sea-son; out minuet of 'holly and mistle-toe' is to be the piece de resistance. Aunty will never forgive me if I am

Aunty will never forgive me if I am the cause of its being cut out."

"It would be ridiculous for one in my position to take part in it." objected the governess.

"Who will know or care, so long as they get their fun?"

"If it were only somewhere else—" Augusta faltered; whereupon Miss Mercer turned the averted face toward her, holding it firmly by the chin, to study the expression.

"You are keeping something back," she accused. "Be honest, oh—it's not possible—" She half started up from the lounge, to drop back, breathing quickly. "So you're the girl," she said; "you might have trusted me."

"There was nothing to tell. I wouldn't marry into a family where

wouldn't marry into a family where I was not wanted."

"Morgan said he would choose his own wife, and my cousin is not one to change where his affections are concerned. Of course, I now under-stand your refusal of my request, but you must reconsider the matter. No one can recognize you with a mask, and you can leave directly after the minuet. I'll mention no name, mere-ly write my aunt that a friend has consented to substitute. She'll be too

busy to be curious." Thus it happened that when the ball opened Augusta, a mere nobody, was among the envied debutantes who participated in the minuet. She was thrilled at being in the house of the man she loved, and the possibility of learning how it had fared with him during the three years of silence that had buried their happy court-

When Morgan's parents had discovered his attachment for an unknown college student, bitter scenes had ensued, resulting in the young man leaving Harvard to win independent success in life.

Augusta's pride forbade her cor-

graduating, she supported herself, that her father might be free to educate her sisters. That the Mercers were related to the Fitzrays she had she supported not discovered for some months, and, after the first shock of the knowledge she decided to retain her position, there being only formal intercourse between the families and therefore small chance of her identity being

The brilliantly illumined ballroom was crowded when the eight young couples swept into the center. The more than half a dozen. I am willing to admit, however, the few there are make life a burden for the stockmen and keep them in constant fear of a midnight raid on their animals.

"Every man in the Big Hole carries a rifie, whether on horseback or traveling with a team to trade at a store or attend church, in anticipation of getting an opportunity to kill a wolf and secure the big bounty offered for the scalp. Two of the prominent ranchmen and stockmen who reside near Chalk Bluffs have secured several hundred dollars in subscriptions from ly. Something in the broad shoulders, the firmness of the chin, visible beneath the black mask, set her heart beating wildly; this, to be followed by a sudden chill of the blood when she remembered that Morgan had a brother.

. Nervous with alarm, she never knew how she followed the intricacles of the dance, though she must have acquitted herself well, since, of the flowers that pelted the dancers at the

flowers that pelted the dancers at the end, a generous share fell at her feet. Then, silent among a laughing throng, she realized that her part in the festivities was at an end. Pride and duty demanded her withdrawal.

"I have secured your trophies," announced some one at her side, as she reached the hall, and, with a thrill of joy, she knew that Morgan had indeed returned. To leave before he recognized her became of vital importance. Yet how to tear herself away, when her whole heart was in a tunult for his presence. tumult for his presence.

"You will permit me," he begged, taking her card. "I'm sure the next is a waltz."

Augusta, shaking her head, endeavored to slip away.

"You can't vanish, so,' he challenged, dropping his mask. "Will you follow suit, or must I wait the witching hour of twelve to solve the mystery?"

"Mystery?" repeated Augusta, in a curiously muffled voice. "But one girl dances like you." He bent over her eagerly. "Were it not fantastically impossible, I should

think—"
"Thought at a masquerade!" Augusta teased, but knowing that he spoke of herself, she grew reckless and, despite the risk of delay, yielded to his piea of just one waltz.

The first led naturally to a second, after which, because she could not single out Fitzray for favor, she permitted others to fill her card. Many dances were "halved" among importunate partners, since about her hung the fascination of real mystery, which with most of the masks was but a pretense. Augusta drifted in the interiorication of the hour, forgetful of

everything, save her lover's presence. For supper he secured a tiny table to

Strangely interested in his compan-ion, yet knowing his suspicions to be wildly improbable, he impatiently awaited the striking of the clock. As the first silvery chime rang through the room, the guests amid gay rail-lery, threw off their masks.

about her, sprang to her feet, then ignominiously fied, like Cinderella of old, leaving Fitsray to stare at her empty chair. Reaching the hall a moment later, the young man caught a glimpse of vanishing drapery on the stairs.

stairs.
Imagining that the girl must return, he waited with the best grace he could muster, but at the sound of wheels outside he flung wide the hall door, just in time to see a carriage disapjust in time to see a carriage disappearing with all speed, while before the servants' gate lay a small object, dark against the smow—the silken mask that had baffled him.

In the Mercer's schoolroom next

morning lessons dragged as never be-fore, and the pupil wasted no regrets

to her sister's room.

"Say something," demanded that lady, after having informed Augusta that her cousin had been to see her. It seemed he had been so successful in business, winning such golden opinions from his employer, that a partnership was promised.

"Uncle is so proud," she concluded. "He declares himself willing to receive Morgan's chosen wife. After which news, I couldn't fib—it scarcely seemed to your interest, and you'd better go down to him."

Instead of following this advice, Augusta dropped on her knees beside

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with patience," Miss Mercer warned as she pushed the girl gently away. "Come back directly he's gone," she commanded, and as the girl turned, with a smile before closing the door, her face was beautiful in its tremu-

lous happiness.

Left alone, Miss Mercer lay quite still, watching the hands of the clock slowly making the circle of the dial.

"I wonder," she mused, whimsically, "are fairles human enough to feel a wee bit lonely after they have brought the lovers together?"—(Copyrighted 1908 by Associated Literary Press.)

HUMOR OF THE DAY

Policeman (holding down tramp on side-walk)—No damage, madam; he's merely having - fit. Kind Lady—Gracious! Shall I get some water and throw it in his face? Policeman—Do you want to kill him?— Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

"Are you going to settle anythin on your daughter?" asked the young man with the cigarette and languid air.
"Well, it rather looks if she marries you that she is going to settle something on me," replied the parent—Yonkers States—

student of political economy," said the visitor.

"He has," said Senator Glucose, "and his economy in politics has kept him out of office. He thinks he can be elected without spending a cent."—Town and Country.

Jack (encountering an old friend)—Hello, Jim. Fancy you volunteering!

Jim-Well, you see, I've no wife and family and I love war. But what brings you out here?

Jack-That's just the point. I've got a wife and family and I love peace.—Regiment.

It makes me laugh to hear the people say Times ain't like what they used to be at all; That they can easily enough recall When folks could earn a higher rate of pay.

And thus lay up more for a rainy day.

The weather then comes in and get a

In '65, or maybe further back.

and there is nothing just the sar And there is they.

As once it was in that old bygone day.

But when I ask them if they'd like to The old days here and now, they look at me, And shrug, and haven't got a word to say, —Joe Cone in New York Sun.

(From the Philadelphia Record 1

will have him.

When a man is his own worst enemy we don't, as a rule, love him for the enemies he has made.

Tommy-"Pop, what is an egotist?"
Tommy's Pop-"An egotist, my son, is any man who thinks he is better than

eat them.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

[From the Chicago News.] If Time were a woman would it wait for a man?

It's easier to find a dozen faults than

the lounge.
"It's been so lonely—I'm so happy," she whispered incoherently.
"Morgan didn't look overstocked

The weather then comes in and get a whack;
"The winter's that we're having now, by io!
Ain't nothing like we had some years

Some people make the mistake of think-ing they are sure just because they are slow.—Puck.

QUAKER REFLECTIONS.

The man who never laughs at funny stories daren't tell any. Don't give a man advice unless know the kind he is looking for. Any fellow who marries an helress can celebrate his golden wedding. Many a fellow goes back to his first love because she is the only one that

When a man can't stand prosperity and can't bear adversity it's time for him to quit.

He—"When do you consider that a girl reaches the marriageable age?" She—"When the right fellow asks her." There are times when a man must lie like a gentleman; when a woman asks if she looks her age, for instance.

When a doctor puts you on a diet it is merely a case of his finding out the things you like and ordering you not to

Wigwag—"I believe there is a tinge of insanity in all religious enthusiasts." Henpeckke—"Tes, take the Mormons, for instance; any man that wants more than one wife is plumb crasy."

Police magistrates have the courage of their convictions.

it is to mend one. Even a palmist can't read all the lines in the hand of a pret.

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It's up to the grass widow to make hay while the sun shines.

Even on the seamy side of life things are seldom what they seem.

A stitch in time may save a stitch in the side, plus the surgeon's fee.

Probably Eve was so-called, Alonso, because she arrived in the late afternoon.

It's easier to convince a woman that she is foolish than it is to make her believe she ancres.

One-half the world may not know how the other half lives, but the feminine half makes a streamous effort to find out.